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1. IN ABSENCE GORN (WHO WILL BE HOSPITALIZED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS), EMBOFF SPOKE WITH TOVEELL, EXTAFF DIRECTOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS OCTOBER 11. CANADIAN STRATEGY FOR ENTRY INTO EUROPEAN GROUP IS STILL FLEXIBLE, AND FINAL DECISIONS WILL BE MADE IN PARIS. GOC DEL WILL BE HEADED BY HUGH FAULKNER, SECRETARY OF STATE (A CABINET POSITION DEALING WITH CULTURAL AFFAIRS) AND EXTAFF ASSISTANCE DEPUTY MINISTER D'IBERVILLE FORTIER. TOVELL SAID HIGH LEVEL OF GOC REPRESENTATION INDICATIVE OF SERIOUSNESS ATTACHED TO ENTRY INTO EUROPEAN REGION, AND ALSO MEANT MAJOR DECISIONS COULD BE MADE IN PARIS WITHOUT OTTAWA INSTRUCTIONS.

2. EXTAFF HAS TWO OBJECTIONS TO "OMNIBUS" RESOLUTION PARALLELING 13TH GC RES DESCRIBED STATE REFTEL. (A) RESOLUTION WOULD BE OPEN TO AMENDMENTS (PROBABLY PROPOSED BY FRANCE OR FRANCOPHONE AFRICANS)
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DELETING CERTAIN NATIONS FROM LIST. (B) SOME NATIONS

(TOVELL MENTIONED PRC) MIGHT OPPOSE ON GROUNDS THAT REGIONAL GROUPS THEMSELVES SHOULD DECIDE ON THEIR COMPOSITION. EMBOFF SAID FIRST ARGUMENT DID NOT APPEAR CONVINCING. IT MIGHT BE EASIER FOR FRANCE TO OPPOSE INDIVIDUAL OR JOINT RES'S FOR CANADA AND U.S. THAN TO SINGLE THEM OUT OF LONG LIST OF UNASSIGNED. POINT (B) ABOVE, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO US PERSUASIVE SINCE "SELF-DETERMINATION" OF REGIONAL GROUP COMPOSITION MIGHT BE USEFUL ARGUMENT FOR US AND CANADA IN DEALING WITH AFRICANS OR LA'S.

3. GOC PRESENTLY PLANNING INTRODUCE RES DESCRIBED PARIS REFTEL, NAMING ONLY CANADA, WITHOUT SEEKING ANY CO-SPONSORSHIP. AMBASSADOR GAGNON HAS CIRCULATED TEXT TO PERMREPS OF NATIONS WHICH HAVE INDICATED SUPPORT FOR CANADIAN ENTRY, AND ASKED SUPPORT (THOUGH NOT CO-SPONSORSHIP). GAGNON HAS ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF A CONSOLIDATED EUROPEAN GROUP RESOLUTION, AND TO INQUIRE WHETHER WIDESPREAD CO-SPONORSHIP WOULD BE AVAILABLE. THIS RES WOULD LIST NEW MEMBERS FOR EUROPEAN GROUP -- GDR, MALTA, SAN MARINO, CANADA AND US. TOVELL SAID QUESTION OF HOW "WIDESPREAD" CO-SPONSORSHIP WOULD HAVE TO BE BEFORE THIS RESOLUTION FORMALLY SUBMITTED WOULD BE DECIDED IN PARIS, BUT AT LEAST ONE EASTERN EUROPEAN SHOULD BE INVOLVED. IF IT APPEARED COMPREHENSIVE EUROPEAN RES HAD GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCESS, GOC DEL MIGHT NOT PUSH INDIVIDUAL CANADIAN RESOLUTION TO A VOTE.

4. EMBOFF SAID COMPREHENSIVE EUROPEAN RESOLUTION MIGHT BE OPEN TO AMENDMENT AS DESCRIBED PARA 2 (A) ABOVE, AND MENTIONED PROBLEM OF ISRAELI APPLICATION. TOVELL SAID GOC HOPED CO-SPONSORS WOULD DISCOURAGE FRENCH OBJECTIONS. AS REGARDS ISRAEL, THIS WOULD BE FOR EUROPEAN GROUP TO DECIDE, AND GAGNON WAS TAKING SOUNDINGS AS TO WHETHER THERE WOULD BE EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

5. EMBOFF MENTIONED US INCLINATION TOWARDS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RES WHICH INCLUDED US AND CANADA, SAYING USG WOULD BE CHAGRINED SHOULD CANADA ENTER EUROPEAN REGION AND US BE DENIED. TOVELL SAID CANADA HAS NO INTENTION WHATEVER OF SEEKING ENTRY AT US EXPENSE, BUT SAID THAT MIGHT BE "POLITICAL OBJECTIONS" TO A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING ONLY US AND CANADA, AND DOUBTED GOC WOULD ENDORSE ONE. GOC WILL CONTINUE CONSIDER OMNIBUS RESOLUTION

AS POSSIBLE OPTION, BUT FOR PRESENT IS PLANNING
ON SINGLE NATION RESOLUTION FOR CANADA WITH
FALL-BACK POSITION OF EUROPEAN COMPREHENSIVE
RESOLUTION.

6. COMMENT: THERE ARE INDEED POLITICAL OBJECTIONS
IN CANADA TO APPEARANCE OF US "DOMINATION" IN
CULTURAL FIELD, ALTHOUGH GOC USE OF THEM IS HIGHLY
SELECTIVE. FAULKNER IS A CANADIAN NATIONALIST IN
CULTURAL MATTERS, HOWEVER, AND EMBASSY CONSIDERS
IT UNLIKELY GOC WILL BE PERSUADED SUPPORT A JOINT
US-CANADA RESOLUTION. WITHOUT PRESUMING EXPERTISE
IN THIS AREA, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT COURSE PARALLEL
TO THAT TAKEN BY GOC MIGHT BE PRODUCTIVE. USG COULD
INTRODUCE RESOLUTION IDENTICAL TO CANADIAN,
WHILE AT SAME TIME DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF
EUROPEAN COMPREHENSIVE RES AND KEEPING OPEN
OPTION TO USE OMNIBUS RES DESCRIBED STATE
REFTEL. EMBASSY BELIEVES GOC DEL IN PARIS
WILL BE READY AND ANXIOUS TO STAY IN CLOSEST
POSSIBLE TOUCH WITH US DEL.

7. ABOVE WAS DRAFTED PRIOR RECEIPT OF PARIS 24168
AND 24184. EMBASSY CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT GAGNON EXCEEDED
INSTRUCTIONS IN INDICATING READINESS SUPPORT JOINT US-
CANADIAN RESOLUTION SINCE TOVELL WAS QUITE UNEQUIVOCAL IN
DESCRIBING GOC STRATEGY AS ABOVE. IT MAY BE HOWEVER
THAT WHEN FAULKNER AND D'IBERVILLE FORTIER ARRIVE PARIS,
GAGNON WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION INFLUENCE GOC
COURSE OF ACTION. PORTER

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